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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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EXDIS, FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PINT, SY, US

SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY, DR. BALASS

REF; DAMASCUS 2553, DAMASCUS 2276

1. STEVE SHALOM TOLD DRAPER HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. BALASS CONVEYING SOME SENSE OF DESPERATION AT OBSTACLES IN SECURING PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BALASS REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO AMMAN FOR AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST AND TO BEIRUT FOR A "T.O.E.S.L." TEST. THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT LET HIM TRAVEL TO EITHER OF THESE PLACES FOR THESE PURPOSES.

2. PLEASE INFORM ME WHETHER GIVING SUCH TESTS IN DAMASCUS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. WE HAD IMPRESSION HERE THAT AFME REPS OCCASIONALLY TRAVEL TO DAMASCUS TO GIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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TESTS, FOR EXAMPLE.

3. IT ALSO OCCURRED TO US THAT GUIDELINES GIVEN BY ASAD DURING GENEVA MEETINGS MIGHT PROVIDE LEEWAY FOR BALASS. ACCORDING TO SHALOM, HE WANTS TO COME ONLY TO THE U.S., WOULD PROBABLY NOT GO TO ISRAEL, AND WOULD BE PREPARED IF NECESSARY TO RETURN TO DAMASCUS TO PRACTICE.

4. SHALOM IS ARRANGING TO SECURE DSP-66. HE WILL GUARANTEE
FUNDS, ROOM AND BOARD, ETC. CHRISTOPHER

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